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USS WISCONSIN TOYS FOR TOTS DAY

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) — The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve will host a Toys For Tots drive on board USS WISCONSIN Friday, December 10 between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Toys For Tots program is a not-for-profit charity organization that provides a successful annual toy collection service throughout the United States. All new, unwrapped toys donated to the campaign are distributed as Christmas gifts to underprivileged children throughout the community. Cash or check donations and gift certificates are also welcome. Local toy collection campaigns begin in October and last until December 22.

103 JAMZ, 92.1 & 107.7 The New LITE FM, and 105.3 KISS FM radio stations will broadcast live from the ship throughout the day and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band Trio Jazz Ensemble will give a special performance on board WISCONSIN from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Last year, the Toys For Tots program served 23,586 children and gave away 73,212 toys.

Access to the ship is free and open to the public. Marines, Sailors and members of the community are encouraged to come out, show support and drop off a toy on WISCONSIN, located next to Nauticus on the downtown Norfolk waterfront. A Marine Toys for Tots representative will be available in the corridor of Nauticus for those who wish to drive up and drop off a toy.

For more information on the Toys For Tots program, visit <http://www.cnrma.navy.mil> . For details on the WISCONSIN Toys For Tots day, please call 322-2853.

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